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SUMMARY MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS **MARCH 5, 2009** HELD AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, 208 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by John Bourgeois.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: John Bourgeois, Barbara Cardillo, Jim Foley, Perry Hariri, Marcia Jensen, Kevin Kelly, Tim Lundell, Libby Lane, Melanie Hanssen, Joe Pirzynski, Barbara Spector, Tom Spilsbury, Deborah Weinstein, Gordon Yamate

Members absent: Jane Ogle, Dan Ross, Chuck Sloan, Margaret Smith

Staff present: Bud Lortz, Director of Community Development; Suzanne Davis, Associate Planner; Joel Paulson, Associate Planner; and Heidi Long, Library

Public attendees: Ray Davis; Lee Quintana; Brandy Pech, Youth Commission

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ray Davis spoke about the Redevelopment Plan and infrastructure improvements. He noted that the adopted RDA Plan prohibits funding for the Town Library.

ITEM 1 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE BACKGROUND REPORT

Bud Lortz introduced the item noting that about half the document will be discussed tonight. The remainder of the document will be discussed at the March 19 meeting. The background report is a basis for the General Plan update and the environmental review that will be done. The goal is to get everyone on the same page. Looking for substantive issues or high level items that may have been missed.

Comments will be accepted for the following chapters:

- Public Services
- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Biological Resources
- Geology
- Hazards & Safety

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- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Infrastructure

Public Services

Schools (public and private)

Libraries

Police Department

Library Overview – presented by Heidi Long

- new library will be 30,000 sf (currently 14,000 sf)
- library will be able to provide more services
- currently about 125,000 print volumes in collection
- extensive historic data base
- electronic resources
- children's programs
- FAQ's on the Town's web-site

Comments:

- Projects of 10 units or more are forwarded to school district for a determination on impact
- School age population is decreasing

Cultural Resources

Historical overview of Los Gatos

Paleontological resources

Archaeological resources

Historic resources

Comment:

- Population numbers are inconsistent; document the various numbers from different sources and explain the methodology

Air Quality

Regional climate and meteorological conditions

Air pollutants and air quality conditions

Attainment status

Significant sources of air pollution

Comment:

- An emissions report from Santa Clara County is forthcoming and should be considered

Noise

Terminology and background

Existing noise environment

Sensitive receptors

Comment:

- Impacts on thoroughfares should be considered

Biological Resources

Vegetation types

Wildlife habitats

Wildlife movement corridors

Special status species

Sensitive plant communities

Urban biodiversity

Comments:

- Consider fencing in hillsides
- Need expanded discussion on wildlife movement corridors
- Consider adoption of Riparian Corridor Policy

Geology

Geologic setting

Faults and fault zones

Ground shaking

Liquifaction

Landslides and ground failure

Soil hazards

Hazards & Safety

Hazardous materials sites

Hazardous material transport

Hazardous waste disposal

Wildland fire risk areas

Emergency operations plan

Hydrology & Water Quality

Regional surface hydrology

Regional groundwater

Regional water quality

Flooding

Comment:

- SF Bay Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) – good resource

Infrastructure

Water supply (most provided by San Jose Water Company)

- existing water demand
- water quality
- water transmissions and distribution system
- planned major improvements
- water reuse and conservation

Waste water (West Valley Sanitation District)

Storm water

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Quintana stated that the Background Report is much better than the one done for the previous General Plan update. She offered the following comments:

- Develop a time line showing how all the meetings interact with one another
- Provide noise contour of Ldn 65-70 and above
- Clarify what the existing noise levels were based on (were noise levels monitored and if so, where?)

Ray Davis commented on the new Planning Director that has been hired.

Brandy Pech, Chair of Los Gatos Youth Commission asked what the concern was regarding schools. *Mr. Lortz* explained that schools are impacted by various things such as traffic and new housing projects that bring additional children to district.


OTHER BUSINESS

John Bourgeois noted that the Planning Conservation League is holding a workshop on Sustainability and its impact on General Plans. The workshop will be on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 9:00 to noon. He will try to attend and can report back to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next meeting of the General Plan Advisory Committee is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

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